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	A.M.	A.M.	O.	A.M.	A.M.	Y.	E.	O.	E.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.55	9.10	9.25	9.40	9.55	10.10	10.25	10.40	10.55	11.10
Yau Ma Tei ...Dep.	8.50	9.05	9.20	9.35	9.50	10.05	10.20	10.35	10.50	11.05	11.20
Shatin ...Dep.	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30
Tai Po ...Dep.	9.10	9.25	9.40	9.55	10.10	10.25	10.40	10.55	11.10	11.25	11.40
Tai Po Market ...Dep.	9.20	9.35	9.50	10.05	10.20	10.35	10.50	11.05	11.20	11.35	11.50
Fanning ...Dep.	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00
Shing Mun ...Dep.	9.40	9.55	10.10	10.25	10.40	10.55	11.10	11.25	11.40	11.55	12.10
Shum Shue ...Dep.	9.50	10.05	10.20	10.35	10.50	11.05	11.20	11.35	11.50	12.05	12.20
Canton ...Arr.	12.30	12.45	13.00	13.15	13.30	13.45	14.00	14.15	14.30	14.45	15.00

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Shatin ...Dep.	7.25	7.40	7.55	8.10	8.25	8.40	8.55	9.10	9.25	9.40	9.55
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ENGLISH CORRESPONDENT'S REVIEW OF SITUATION.

A correspondent writing in the *China Express & Telegraph* says:
Among the questions put to the Prime Minister on September 28th was one without notice inquiring whether the Government was aware of the menace to the British and foreign community in Shanghai which would be created by the advance of the Cantonese army to that city. Mr. Baldwin, faced with the question, described it as hypothetical, and said he did not think it was necessary for him to make any announcement on the subject. He might have adopted the course of meeting question with question, and, in reply, asked whether the capture and subsequent control of the Yangtze Valley by the Kuomintang would, in fact, be a menace either to those communities or to their trade and commerce with China. I venture to think that, had he done so, the honourable inquirer would have been forced, at least to the extent of asking for notice of the counter-question.
To answer the question, whether in the affirmative or negative, would in effect be to come out in favour of one or other of the factions striving for mastery in China, and, as it is the sheet-anchor of British policy to stand aloof from these perennial strivings, it were better not to make the attempt. It may not, however, be amiss to review some of the pros and cons of the matter, and contrast the prospects so far as the information available will allow.
On the Kwangtung side there is a record of the only attempt yet made since the Republic was inaugurated to form an efficient working administration. There is evidence, not of a military dictatorship, but of something approaching a Cabinet with a national army under its control. General Chiang Kai Shek, head of the expeditionary force, is himself an ordinary member of the Executive Committee governing the province. Even the malcontents of Hongkong admit that there exists in Canton the best and most enlightened Government that the city has known within human memory. There is, of course, the alleged Anglophobia under Bolshevik misdirection, but, at its worst, this is a grievous exaggeration, and at its best it is an artificially stimulated and transient phase.
Looking north we have at Mukden and Nanking nothing else but the perpetuation of the Manchurian regime. Chang Tso Lin and Sun Chuan Fang, in intention, if not altogether in fact, are as nearly viceroys of their respective provinces as they can well be. Sun has made gestures of goodwill towards the foreign enclaves within his jurisdiction; he has pleaded for foreign co-operation, and expressed shame for the insanitary condition of his cities; but the difference between words and action among Chinese in authority is a wide one.
On the whole a choice between the northern Tory and the southern Radical seems to me to be very largely one of habit of mind.—P.L.A.C.

MARRIAGE OF MR. J. R. F. CORLEY AND MISS METCALF.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CEREMONY.

A correspondent has forwarded the following account of the marriage of Mr. J. R. F. Corley, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and Miss H. Dorothy Metcalf, which, as already announced, took place recently at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, London.
The bride is the daughter of the late Captain W. H. Metcalf and Mrs. E. B. Metcalf, of Vancouver. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corley, of Forest Gate, Essex, England.
Miss Metcalf wore a beautiful bridal-white gown of heavily embroidered satin, sewn with seed pearls. Her long veil, worn Juliet fashion, was caught by a coronet of myrtle and orange-blossom buds. She carried an exquisite shower bouquet of lady love roses and lilies of the valley, and was given in marriage by Mr. W. E. Gooch, of Kobe, Japan.
The Matron of Honour was Mrs. W. A. E. Corley, and the daisy train-bearers were the small nieces of the bridegroom, the Misses Joan and Joyce Corley, who wore flower-like frocks of shell pink georgette and carried baskets of mature sweet peas.
Mr. John A. Barton, D.F.C., acted as "best man."
A large number of friends of both the bride and groom from Rangoon, Burma and Hongkong, as well as from many parts of England were present at the wedding reception which was held in the drawing-room of the Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park. Both bride and groom, who are extremely popular, received many handsome gifts.
Mr. and Mrs. John Corley are spending an extended honeymoon in various parts of England and in the South of France. Early in the New Year they will return to the Far East.
The London Graphic published a most charming picture of the happy couple, as they were leaving the church.

SUPREMACY IN THE PACIFIC.

THE NAVAL BASE AT HONGKONG.

ADMIRALTY APPOINTMENTS.

While the recent declaration of Japan on the subject of emigration is very satisfactory, as it seeks to eliminate the cause of friction engendered by what is known as "The Yellow Peril," it must not be forgotten, writes a correspondent of the *China Express & Telegraph*, that Japan does not yield one tithe of the supremacy which she aims to establish in the Pacific, nor must it be forgotten that her position which is similar in the East to that which Great Britain enjoys in the West—enables her to make more advantageously than any other naval power, challenging her potential supremacy in the Pacific. The very fact that Japan intends to colonise every yard of ground in the islands of the Pacific emphasises the above point. In ten years from now Japan will have her pied a terre in the thousands of islands which stud the Pacific Ocean, and in this manner will have a control denied to every other power. By contrast, the positions of the United States, France, Great Britain and other naval powers will be merely isolated ones, lacking homogeneity and centralisation.

The United States of America is determined that Japan shall not enjoy this domination, but to the unbiased mind does it not appear as if Japan had been driven into this by the attitude taken up by the U.S.A.? It may be recalled that years ago the ex-Kaiser had his eye fixed upon the Brazils and other parts of South America as a dumping ground for his surplus population, and had it not been for the Monroe Doctrine, then so dear to the heart of every Democrat and every Republican of the U.S.A.—but only when it was to the advantage of the U.S.A.—the world war might not have occurred. Is it not a bit ironical, too, that England, which has such tremendous and far-flung interests in the Pacific, taught Japan how to create and how to use the Navy which at the moment is such a powerful weapon in furthering Japanese ambition?

The position of Hongkong as a naval base is not so good as it might be, and I cannot see that anything can be done to very much change the position there while the Washington Pact rules. According to that arrangement, no additions can be made to armaments or extensions to fortifications within the area of which Hongkong forms a part, save the legitimate replacements, such as new guns in lieu of old guns, equipment, etc. While troubles continue in China an aerial force must be maintained, together with an up-to-date submarine scheme. Submarines are not much good for river service, but a part of the importance of Hongkong should be exceptionally well covered by submarines.
The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on September 29th: Surgeon-Lieut. Comdr. J. F. Pace, M.B., to Tamar, addl. (October 18th) and for R.N. Hospital, Hongkong (from date of joining).
The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on October 1st: Midshipman A. S. Gordon, H. A. F. Lucas, and L. H. F. P. Gibbs, to *Hawkins* (November 1st).
The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on October 2nd: Lieut. Comdr. W. N. Kingdom to *Despatch* (October 6th) and E. G. Abbott to *Cornwall* (December 6th). Surgeon-Lieut. R. J. Inman to *Titanic* (on re-commg.). Surgeon-Lieut. Comdr. A. W. North to *Ambrose* (on re-commg.). Surgeon-Lieut. R. L. G. Proctor, M.B., to *Osprey* (on re-commg.). V. F. Walsh to *Hollyhock* (on re-commg.). R. B. McKivier to *Magnolia* (on re-commg.); and W. J. Rankine to *Bluebell* (on re-commg.). (October 6th). Payr. Lieut. Comdr. H. A. Thompson to *Tamar* (October 6th). Payr. Lieut. A. P. Shaw to *Tamar* (October 1st).

NEW KOWLOON BUSES.

ARRIVING END OF THE MONTH.

The first of the three consignments of buses intended for operation on the Kowloon roads will arrive here towards the end of the month. They are the three Leyland motor buses, with accommodation for 25 to 30 passengers, ordered from England by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company.
Another consignment of Leyland to follow this will be for the China Motor Bus Company, and a shipment of Dennis buses will shortly reach the Colony for the Kaitack Motor Bus Company.
These vehicles are built with the aim to provide comfortable travelling, and in every respect, a distinct improvement over those that are running at present.

OCTOBER'S RAINFALL.

There were 3.44 inches of rain during October according to the records kept at the Botanic Gardens.
Rain fell on thirteen days, the heaviest fall being on October 14th when 1.84 inches were recorded.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Legislative Council Meeting (Budget Debate), 2.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting, P.R.C., 6 p.m.
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Automobile Association Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
Ladies' Night, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.
Queen's Theatre—"Her Sister from Paris" (Constance Talmadge).
World Theatre—"Don Q. Son of Zorro."
Star Theatre—"The Teaser."
Farewell Carnival Dance at R.E. Theatre, *Titanic* and Submarines, 8.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia and Manila, (Tanda).

Friday.

Annual Licensing Sessions (Council Chamber) noon.
Meeting of Creditors, Oriental Commercial Bank, Ltd., 2.30 p.m.
Reception, Lee Gardens, to H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi, 3.30 p.m.
Hongkong Hotel Fire Claims Meeting at office of Hongkong Small Investors Share and Real Estate Co., 6 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Her Sister from Paris."
World Theatre—"Don Q. Son of Zorro."
Star Theatre—"The Teaser."
H.M.S. *Hermes* Ball at King Edward Hotel.
K.C.C. Dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 9 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam (City of Cairo and *Glaucus*); Europe via Siberia (City of *Baroda*).

Saturday.

Third Yearly Meeting, Hongkong Realty & Trust Co., 11.30 a.m.
Fourth Yearly Meeting, Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922), Ltd., 11.30 a.m.
Third Annual Meeting Grand Hotel des Wagon Lits, Ltd., noon.
Fifth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.
Opening Cruise and "Ladies' Day" (R.H.K.Y.C.).
Taikoo Club "At Home," 3 p.m.
League Champions of 1st Division (Taikoo) v. "Rest of the League."
Bowls: Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon) v. K.B.G.C.
Football and Cricket: (Details in Saturday's paper).
Queen's Theatre—"Her Sister from Paris."
World Theatre—"Don Q. Son of Zorro."
Boxing Tournament, City Hall, 6.15 p.m.
First Saturday Night Dance, Palace Hotel, Kowloon.
Dance at Craigengower C.C., 9.15 p.m.
Dinner Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.
Principal Mails:—Outward: U.S.A. and Europe via America, and Europe via Siberia. (*President Cleveland*), 5 p.m.; Europe via Marseilles (*Kampo Maru*), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.

St. John Ambulance Brigade Annual Swimming Sports at V.R.C., 10 a.m.
Queen's Theatre—"The Dark Angel."
Macao Industrial Fair Opens.
Rev. E. A. Bastin concludes his ministry at Wesleyan Church.
Monday.

Extraordinary General Meeting, Kowloon Football Club, 6.15 p.m.

Shanghai Interport Cricket Team arrive on *President Harrison*.
Queen's Theatre—"The Dark Angel."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., *President Harrison*.
Tuesday.

Shanghai Interport Cricket Team entertained at Band Concert, Hongkong C.C. Pavilion.

Queen's Theatre—"The Poverty of Riches."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia and Manila (Taiping); U.S.A. (*Shinyo Maru*). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (*Porthua*), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

Extraordinary General Meeting Bank of Canton, 2 p.m.

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the Diary Editor for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

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A REPLY TO AN OLD RESIDENT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—May I claim some of your space to refer to the remarks of the old resident whose masterly exposition of what is wrong with Hongkong has so thrilled the intelligentsia. The portion of the criticism which appeared to me the best example of the scintillating brilliancy of his intellect was that which dealt with Hospitals. The Government Civil Hospital is not actually falling down. But your old resident is probably too intent on his holiday to realize that the function of a Hospital is not to stand up, but to house the sick comfortably and healthily. The G.C.H. was a very good hospital thirty years ago, but now it is hopelessly out of date, and curiously enough our idiotic Government seems to think that it should try and supply the European portion of our population with an up-to-date hospital. What a mercy that we have worthy citizens like your old resident to point out that anything is good enough for the Europeans in a British Colony.

Again, "There are enough Hospitals in Hongkong. The new Kowloon Hospital is a superfluous luxury and an expensive one at that." How true, how very true! What of it that the doctors and the public alike for years have called for more hospitals? What of it that our Unofficials and the Kowloon Residents' Association have striven for years over the Kowloon Hospital? What of it that a launch trip used to be necessary to take any Kowloon patient to a hospital? The Kowloon Hospital is an expensive luxury! "Sit solo, sic juher; stat prout ratione voluit." "Oh! wise old man, how I do honour thee!"

The same coruscation of mental acumen illumines all the paragraphs. I am in doubt whether most to admire the succinct condemnation of cadets, or the firm castigation of the Finance Committee, until I find the inimitable obiter dictum that roads should not be built before building sites are taken up, but vice versa. There are some individuals so lost in crass stupidity that they consider the fact that the building site is miles from any existing road is a disability! Let them repeat and sit at the feet of our Old Resident.

Yet there is one thought, poignant and impassioned, which thrills my bosom with newly-awakened hope. Will not our Old Resident return to the Colony? Why sulks Achilles in his tent? Let him return and take up the reins of Government. Then all will be well. All our present institutions shall go and, steered by the logic so amply displayed in his pungent criticisms, the ship of State will come into a fair harbour, where Hospitals are unneeded, Civil Servants work for the love of work alone, and everything can be settled by writing to the newspapers.—Yours, dear Mr. Editor,
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DEMENTIA.

The Asylum,
November 3rd, 1926.

H.K.S.P.C.A. REPORT.

WORK OF THE INSPECTORS FOR PAST MONTH.

The combined report of the work of the Inspectors of the H.K.S.P.C.A. for the past month states:

Transport.	
Poultry, crates	3,021
Poultry on trucks and in lorries, loads	187
Poultry in junks and ferries, crates	115
Pigs on trucks and in baskets	1,647
Pigs in junks	754
Cattle in junks	296
Cattle ashore	378
Sheep and goats ashore	55
Ponies in junks	4
Poultry by rail, crates and baskets	189
Pigs by rail	125
Dogs in market, Taiipo	35
Dogs by rail	1
Cats in market, Taiipo	33
Cats by rail	12

Imports.	
Poultry, crates	3,754
Cattle	15,933
Sheep and goats	2,169
Cages of birds	79
Cats	8
Lynx	10
Baskets of frogs	12
Baskets of snakes	12
Rabbits	18

Exports.	
Poultry, crates	86
Pigs	681
Cattle	553
Sheep and goats	183
Monkey	1
Cats	6

Visits.	
Markets	103
Landing places	59
Poultry depots	93
Cattle depot	21
Dogs home	53
Dealers shops	19
Pig pens Yaumati	4
Railway stations	50
Birdshops	32

Miscellaneous.	
Ignorant cruelty cases corrected	30
Markets watched, times	51
Markets watched, times	70
Caution given	1
Prohibition, axes, importing dogs, ball extracted (\$25)	1
Dogs admitted to Home during month	42
Dogs claimed during month	17
Dogs sold during month	5
Dogs died during month	7
Dogs destroyed during month	12



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Shanghai	2/51
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New York	4.44
Osaka	25.73
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RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

There was a cheery crowd round the rails at Happy Valley on Tuesday morning, including Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton. Yesterday morning saw Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson watching the gallops. The grass course was opened and it is in excellent state.

The fields will be quite good on Saturday, and should provide some keen racing. Training times were as follows:

Reckless (Boy) 1 mile—40; 1.18; 1.54; 2.27. Last quarter 33.

Beldorrey Star (Stanton). 1 mile—41.3; 1.30; 1.57.3; 2.29. Last quarter 31.2.

September (Brodie) 1 mile—39.1.18.2; 1.50; 2.21.1. Last quarter 31.1.

Dobbin (Brodie) 1 mile—36.2; 1.10; 1.44; 2.18.3. Last quarter 32.3.

Regent (Brodie) 1 mile—37; 1.11; 1.44.2; 2.17.4. Last quarter 33.2.

Barley Grass (Brodie) 1 mile—39; 1.16.2; 1.49.1; 2.21. Last quarter 31.4.

Beston (Stanton)—34.1; 1.13.2; 1.49; 2.21.3. Last quarter 32.3.

Total Abstinence (Boy) 1 mile—35.3; 1.07.4; 1.39.2. Last quarter 31.4.

The riders on Saturday will be Mr. Ralph for Messrs. Hall and Shenton; Mr. Brodie for Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson; Mr. A. Gordon and Lt. Cdr. Grant for Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Austin, while the latter jockey will also have the mount on Mr. H. P. White's Saracen. Mr. Stanton will be on his own ponies and those of Mr. Dunbar. Dr. Macgown will be on Sunburst Rose, Mr. Rose on Lady Luck and Arabian Parrot and Mr. Sewell on Demon Boy. Messrs. Stanton and Ralph have each 13 points for the Lady Severn Cup for Jockeys. Mr. Ralph should have no difficulty in annexing this trophy as he will be very well mounted on Saturday.

Boxing.
Lieut.-Comdr. Thompson, R.N., and Capt. Sturges, R.M., will unfortunately make their last appearance on the local course on Saturday as they are both leaving for Hong Kong on Tuesday night. They will take with them the best wishes of all race-goers. Apart from being unusually good riders with many wins to their credit they are sportsmen of the highest type with whom it is a pleasure to be in any way associated.

BOXING. SATURDAY'S TOURNAMENT AT THE CITY HALL.

CHANCES OF THE CONTESTANTS DISCUSSED.

[By CADFYDD.]

The first boxing tournament of the season under the auspices of the Hong Kong Boxing Association will be staged at the City Hall on Saturday night. The programme is certainly an excellent one, and in each of the six fights the contestants should be very keen. I anticipate the Theatre Royal will be crowded.

Ewin and Cartledge.
The chief contest is a 15-round bout for the welterweight championship of the Colony and the G. M. Young belt between Jim Cartledge and A.B. Ewin of H.M.S. *Hermes*. Ewin is the present holder of the welterweight championship. He won it from Marine Betts. Later Cartledge fought him for it, but the decision went to Ewin on points. On that fight Ewin won the Scott Harston belt outright. A new belt has been put up now by Mr. G. M. Young.

The purse is \$400, the winner to take \$250 and the loser \$150. At their previous clash, the fighting was very clean and open. Ewin gained the decision on points, but Cartledge put up a splendid show. In my opinion, Ewin was not far ahead.

Cartledge is eager to wipe out that defeat, and he will go all out to do it. I am told that he is very fit. Ewin also is in tip-top condition and is sanguine that he will retain the Championship. Ewin is young; Cartledge is now in his thirties. Ewin punches heavily; Cartledge lacks a really good punch. Ewin has a very long reach. Cartledge has a fine defence, is very aggressive, and is as hard as nails.

On November 10th he goes Home, and this is the last occasion on which he will be seen in the ring here. I believe the fight will go the full distance. Ewin should win, but with not much to spare.

Baker and Underwood.
The 10-round lightweight contest between Leading Seaman Baker, of H.M.S. *Hermes*, and Ldg. Tel. Underwood, of H.M.S. *Woolston*, should be almost as interesting as the big fight.

Baker has boxed here several times. He fights tirelessly, and can take and give with the best. He, however, hasn't got a really good punch.

Underwood is a newcomer. He is an Imperial Services Champion, runner-up in several Imperial Services and Navy Championships, and a few years ago lost to Jim Cartledge on points. At that time Cartledge was almost at his best. But not having seen Underwood fighting, it is scarcely possible to judge his chances against Baker. On his record, however, he should win.

Thomson and Morrell.
Stoker Thomson, of H.M.S. *Ambrise*, clashes with Stoker Morrell, of H.M.S. *Hawkins*, in a 6-round middleweight contest. Morrell is certainly the harder hitter, but Thomson is a wonderful stickler. He can take a hammering without flinching, and even then stand up to his man. Morrell is very fast, and his favourite plan is to rain blows in at the beginning so as to weaken his opponent. He, however, swings, and seldom tries a straight blow. This fight is going to be fierce. Either man might win.

McManus and Hills.
There are two 8-round Featherweight

(Continued on next Column).

CRICKET NOTES.

The official list of the Shanghai Cricket team, which is due to sail on November 5th by the *President Harrison* is as follows:—Capt. E. I. M. Barrett (capt.); E. G. Barnes; D. C. Burn; M. J. Divecha; L. Goldman; J. A. Isaacs; D. W. Leach; P. Madar; Dr. H. H. Morris; W. Mansel-Smith; Dr. W. E. O'Hara; L. F. Stokes; and B. W. Duthoit (manager). Of these, Goldman, Isaacs, Madar, Mansel-Smith and Stokes, have not played previously in Hongkong, as far as I know. Captain Barrett is, of course, well known. He is probably the finest batsman in the East, and has been known to get wickets with his slow Divecha is a nice bat though perhaps a bit nervous for the first few overs. He is a useful change-bowler. Leach is probably the best all-rounder in either team. Dr. Morris is a bat, who sometimes goes on with slow leg-breaks. He would probably prefer a bigger ground. Dr. O'Hara is a very fine left hand medium slow bowler with the fixed idea that he is a batsman. This his friends deny, but the fact remains that if the Doc makes up his mind to stop in, he takes the very deuce of a lot of shifting.

Yesterday afternoon, a practice in the middle of the ground took place. The following were invited to take part:—Bowker, Capt. Dobbie, Serge. Fogden (a wicket-keeper), E. C. Hunter, Goodwin, Capt. Harker, Hayward, Gower Hughes, S. A. Ismail, Jex, Major Lightfoot, Capt. Morris, Mitchell, Parker, Ramsay, Reed, T. E. Pearce and R. Hancock. An interesting afternoon's cricket took place, but I must admit that I was only fortunate enough to see the last few minutes of it. I have, however, gathered a few facts from those who were playing and should be in a position to judge. Dobbie again batted very well, and Ramsay played a most excellent innings. He seems in rare good form this year and should be absolutely certain of a place. Lightfoot was disappointing as a bat but he bowled fairly well; the ball which he got past Dobbie's defence was a beauty. I do not, however, fancy his chance of Pearce was batting uncommonly well, and looks very fit after his holiday. He did not keep. As a matter of fact, seeing that it is too late to harden his hands properly, I am inclined to think that if the Powers that Be elect to put him behind the sticks, they will do well to let him start in the Interport. One afternoon's practice will not make much difference but it may bruise his hands badly. It is a very difficult question. Fogden is quite useful. I have heard diverse opinions, some say he is better than Stripp—others that he is not nearly so good. He did not bat but I hear he is not an expert with the willow. Bowker was not bowling well, but he does not usually keep a patch long. Owen Hughes hit merrily and Mitchell took a pretty catch at third slip. (I saw that.) There are very divergent opinions about his batting. It has been said that he is the best bat in the Colony, which really means that though his methods are all wrong he gets good results. This always raises a difficult question. The trouble is that the good bowler knows enough to spot the bad methods and use them to the batsman's undoing. Harker was useful, but I doubt if he is good enough to warrant inclusion at this late hour on his form.

Most unfortunately, Reed was unable to get away. It will be a great responsibility if the Selection Committee decide to play him after a few nets and a half day's cricket on Saturday. I do not in any way suggest that he is not the best length bowler we have. But it is a three days' match, and he does not strengthen the batting. If both he and Goodwin play, it means two men who cannot be expected to make many runs. Goodwin was not quite so good yesterday.

On Saturday, an eleven (not necessarily the Interport XI) will oppose the Navy—going in first at 1.30 p.m., to get together. It is a wise step and the Navy very sportingly are out to give the side a trial. They have a fine side. Cantrell, Halsey, Armitage, Sparkes, Silletto, Beatty, Woodward, Hussey, and Capt. Lake are playing, and the Rev. Venn will keep wicket. I fear there is no chance of a finish. The Hongkong side had not been chosen at the time of writing.

R. ARBIT.

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. RESERVES v. K.O.S.B.

This match will be played on Saturday at Sookunpoo "A" ground, kick-off at 2 p.m.

The H.K.F.C. Reserves team will be:—Slipper; Hill and Purves; Campbell, Raiton and Punched; R. B. Bell, Thompson, Johnson, Vickers and White. Reserves:—Trambitsky, Howell, Smith and Brown.

China Athletic v. H.M.S. "Hawkins." A friendly game on the H.K.F.C. ground, was played yesterday evening, before a good attendance.

Lam Yuk Ying opened the score from a penalty, the goalie saving the spot kick and Lam, following up, netted. Suen scored for China before the interval—2-1.

Hawkins levelled up in the second-half. Final score, 2 all.

In one, Corpl. McManus, of H.M.S. *Hawkins*, meets Marine Hills, of H.M.S. *Hermes*. Both are good men, but of the two, McManus, I believe, is the better, and he should win.

In the other contest Warder Grant, of Victoria Gaoi, meets A.B. Mirrell, of H.M.S. *Carlisle*. Mirrell is not boxed here before, but he is said to have fought numerous bouts. He will have to do well to defeat Grant.

Meen and Baker.
P.O. Meen Salmarines, meets Tel. Baker, of H.M.S. *Mull*, in a 6-round welterweight contest. Meen is now welterweight champion of the China Squadron. But I do not think much of his ability as a boxer. He might defeat Baker, but I am doubtful.

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[A.P.R.]

TWO BIG LINERS ARRIVE.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived yesterday morning from the North with a fairly good passenger list and good freights. She had 2,294 tons of cargo for local discharge and 992 tons for Manila. There were 90 saloon passengers, 67 second class and 17 third class passengers for Hongkong and about 90 passengers for Manila. The liner also carried 455 stowage passengers, of which 421 were Chinese. The cargo mostly comprised tinned salmon, fruits, flour, etc. She also brought five automobiles for the Hongkong Hotel. In addition to the cargo for Manila, she carried 11 motor cars for that port.

The principal passengers disembarking at Hongkong from the *Russia* will be found in our local and general columns. The *Russia* brought 313 bags of mail for Hongkong out of which 5 bags were

from the United Kingdom via America; 25 bags from Home via Siberia, 10 bags from Europe via Siberia and 10 bags from the United Kingdom via Canada.

The Admiral Oriental Liner *President Grant* arrived at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. Full details regarding passengers and freights brought by this boat were not available, but there were about 38 passengers disembarking here and about 20 passengers for Manila. Cargo is also understood to be very good. Among the passengers are about 20 missionaries from the North. They will remain in Hongkong until the return of the *President Grant* from Manila, on or about the 11th. The liner leaves for Manila to-day at 5 p.m., and sails for Seattle via ports on or about the 12th.

The s.s. *Coblentz*, German steamer, arrived from Singapore yesterday with 10 first class passengers for Hongkong and 39 intermediate class; for Shanghai there were 45 first class and 39 intermediate class, and for Japan 32 passengers.

CANTON TRADE.

CHINESE REPORTS ON INTIMIDATION.

REQUEST FOR REPEAL OF TRAVELLING TAX.

Our Chinese correspondent writes that after a remonstrance from the Soviet advisors, the "Prince" clique of the Kuomintang Party has decided to direct its followers not to interfere further with Chinese passengers going to or coming from British steamers in order that diplomatic complications may be avoided.

Whether there is any ground for such a report it is difficult to determine. Although intimidation is not so openly practised as it was a few days ago there is no improvement in the passenger traffic. The *Lungshan* came down from Canton yesterday with under seventy passengers. The *Tung On* brought over 1,000. The Chinese owned boats are now having to refuse cargo in order to provide the necessary accommodation for the large numbers of passengers who now wish to come to Hongkong.

Our Chinese correspondent states that the Canton Hotel Union are asking Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister, to repeal the war tax of twenty per cent. on travelling tickets. This tax, as already reported, has had a very ill effect on passenger and hotel trade.

The Kuomintang has denied the petition of the owners for the release of the s.s. *Shing Ping* and s.s. *Sun Wah*, two boats which formerly were on the Canton-Wuchow run. These boats have been held because opium was found on them some time ago.

November 7th being the anniversary of the Soviet Revolution, the Soviet High Commission advising the Kuomintang in Canton will hold a celebration. Chinese will also hold a mass meeting at the Chungshan or Dr. Sun Yat Sen University.

CANTON TROOPS FOR THE FRONT.

GENERAL LI TSAI HSIN PREPARING TO LEAVE.

MANY MORE MEN NEEDED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

I reported yesterday that word had been sent from the Pinghsiang headquarters for General Li Tsai Hsin, the acting Commander-in-Chief, to go to the front.

It is now reported that General Li is preparing to leave for Hunan, Hupeh and Kiangsi; some reports even state that he is already on his way. While in the ordinary way General Li's departure might not have much significance, many Chinese now consider that it provides corroboration of the reports that General Chiang Kai Shek is in some way incapacitated.

Among others who may have to go the "front" soon is General Chien Ta Chun, the present Garrison Commissioner in Canton. During his absence, General Hu Chien, of the 6th Corps, would act as Garrison Commissioner.

During the last few days large numbers of troops have been rushed to the fighting districts by way of the Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow Railway. The Kuomintang forces are not making much progress now except in Fukien, where the evacuation of Changchow by the "anti-Reds" has been reported from Canton sources.

Anti-Red agents are spreading reports in Kwangsi inland districts that the Kuomintang expedition to the North has involved heavy casualties and are warning the people to consider twice before responding to the Party's call for more recruits. This, of course, has affected the work of the recruiting agents and General Chen Ming Shue has suggested conscription as a last resort. On the other hand, Wuchow sent 2,000 men to Canton just recently and the Peasants' Corps near Wuchow, some 400 strong, have written offering their services in the fighting line.

MR. WANG CHING WEI.
NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE KUOMINTANG.

It is stated that the Kuomintang leaders in Canton on November 2nd heard direct from Mr. Wang Ching Wei, the former Chairman of the Party, that he is on his way back to Canton to resume his Party activities.

Mr. Chang Tai Yin, a Kuomintang leader of the Right, or anti-Bolshevik section resident at Shanghai, has wired to Generals Li Tsai Hsin and Li Fuh Lam and Mr. Tan Yen Kai, suggesting that Mr. Wang Ching Wei, Mr. George Hau Chien, and other "Red" leaders should be punished and that M. Borodin and his Russian colleagues in Canton should be ousted.

WOULD-BE PASSENGERS ASSAULTED.

POLICE LOOK ON BUT DO NOTHING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, October 30th.

It is quiet in the city, but Chinese who wish to board the Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co.'s steamers are openly threatened or pushed off. I noticed yesterday when any Chinese approached the entrance to the wharf, certain of the Seamen's Union ordered them not to go, but to go on the Chinese owned boats. If no notice was taken of the threat, the would-be traveller would be assaulted, and if rickshaws tried to approach, there were turned away by force.

I saw many policemen in the vicinity, who concentrated on directing traffic but took no heed of cases of open intimidation.

I hear that the Chinese owners of steamers on the Hongkong-Canton run contemplate buying the s.s. *Paul Beau* and *Charles Hardouin*, which are now lying idle owing to lack of funds.

An old Chinese woman who was assaulted by a dozen of the pickets at the entrance to the wharf, was protected by a European Customs officer, who in turn was about to be assaulted when the Chinese police interfered. It seems strange that the Chinese police take no steps to interfere in assaults on their own nationals, though they have orders to protect foreigners. These glaring cases of intimidation are enough to scare the Chinese, and it is no fault of the cargo boat people if they refuse to ship cargo on the Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co.'s boats.

GORDONS FORMED.

I have just learned this morning that half an hour before the *Fathma* left, some Chinese in plain clothes put a cordon across the street on both sides of the steamer, so that all traffic was stopped and no Chinese could go on board. The position is getting worse and the police will not or can not take any steps to stop this illegal interference.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO CANTON.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Mrs. Kung, and family arrived at Hongkong on their way to Canton yesterday.

Dr. Kung, who was Associated Director of Sino-Russian Affairs at Peking for a time, is a brother-in-law of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Mrs. Kung is a sister of Madame Sun Yat Sen.

Dr. and Mrs. Kung are to visit their relatives in Canton. Mr. T. V. Soong, Kuomintang Minister of Finance, is a brother of Madame Sun and Mrs. Kung. Mrs. Kung herself was at one time private secretary to Dr. Sun.

Among others to visit Canton, either on personal or public affairs, will be General Li Lieh Chun, a former Tschun of Kiangsi, and Dr. C. T. Wang, a former Minister of Foreign Affairs at Peking. It is understood that these gentlemen are expected at Canton in the next few days.

Mr. T. V. Soong has been in Hongkong during the last few days in connection with the arrival of these important visitors and also to attend to some business connected with the Central Bank of Canton.

LUCKY INSPECTORS.

WIN FANLING HUNT \$2 SWEEP.

Acting Chief Inspector Morris and Inspector J. Moss, both senior members of the Hongkong Police, are the lucky joint holders of the winning ticket in the special \$2 cash sweep of the Fanling Hunt at last Saturday's steeplechase meeting. The number of the winning ticket was 5,437, and the prize paid was \$9,537.15.

Ticket No. 10,353, owned by a Chinese lady residing in the Central district, drew the second prize of \$3,734.60.

Two prizes for unplaced starters, each drawing \$454.15, also went to Chinese. One of these tickets was purchased on the course and the other was bought before the meeting.

MANILA'S EARTHQUAKE.

RECORDED AT HONGKONG.

The Manila earthquake of November 2nd was recorded at Hongkong as follows:

Beginning masked by microseisms, but probably at 7h. 31m.

Beginning of secondary and surface waves not distinguishable.

Maxima at 7h. 34m. 30s. and 7h. 35m. 30s. amplitude 3 mm.

Origin about 600 miles from Hongkong; movements died away at 8 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued from the Royal Observatory at 4.30, stated:—

Changes are small since this morning. The typhoon appears to be nearly stationary about 250 miles E. of Manila.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, moderate, fine.

MANILA WARNING.

The following telegram was received at the local U.S. Consulate-General:—

Manila, Nov. 3rd, 11 a.m.—Typhoon in about 128deg. Long. E. and 10deg. Lat. N., moving W.

MATERIALITY OF BANK NOTE NUMBERS.

POINT RAISED IN CLAIM AGAINST H.K. BANK.

REFUSAL TO PAY ON MUTILATED \$500 NOTE.

LIABILITY OF BANK DENIED.

An extremely interesting case, and one of considerable importance in connection with bank business, was heard at the Summary Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Wood. During the case, Mr. Eldon Potter, who appeared on behalf of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, raised the point of the importance of the materiality of bank note numbers in relation to the payment of such notes tendered.

The question which his Lordship is called upon to decide in this case is whether a bank is liable to proceedings if it declines to pay out on a note which has been so mutilated that the numbers and date are missing, although the denomination and signatures are decipherable.

The plaintiff is Lo Lee Shi, a married woman, living at No. 27, Wellington Street. She sues the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for \$500. When the note in question, which had been reduced to a state of pulp after having been washed, ironed and wrung, whilst in the pocket of an undergarment, was tendered to the bank, payment was refused in view of its state, as the number and date were missing, and it could not be identified as a specific bank note issued by them.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ, appeared for the plaintiff, while, as mentioned, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., who was instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the Bank.

At the opening, Mr. Potter pointed out a mistake on his part in his statement of defence, where reference was made to the date of issue of the note. He explained that the dates of issue were not printed on the notes.

Mr. Fitzroy said that the action was brought in respect of a Shanghai note for \$500 which the plaintiff had obtained, together with another of the same denomination, from her husband some time in June, 1925. The plaintiff, upon receiving the notes, placed them in the catch pocket of an under jacket where they remained for some time. On washing day, the woman proceeded to wash the notes when so doing, having dried the jacket, the woman proceeded to iron it and it was not until this stage in the proceedings that she became aware of the presence of the notes. The iron coming against something hard, she examined the pocket and removed from it a lump of pulpy material.

One Note Paid.

The plaintiff gave the bunch of paper representing the two notes to her husband who went to the Bank where he saw Mr. Beveridge. The latter declined to pay out on the notes until they had been opened out from their lumpy state. The plaintiff's husband succeeded in opening out one of the notes and payment was made on this. He failed, however, to separate the other one, but on November 15th he had succeeded in opening it out, but it was in pieces. Payment was refused again because the number and date were missing. The husband had another try by piecing it together on a piece of transparent paper, and took it to the Bank on November 17th, but again payment was refused.

After that, the matter seemed to have been left for a time, but on May 17th, this year, the man again went to the Bank, in company with Mr. Morris, who was the headmaster of a Government school. Payment was again refused, with the result that the present action was started.

What is Left.

The fragments of the note were produced in Court in a glass frame, and had been arranged as far as possible to make up a complete note. Mr. Fitzroy explained that this had been done by Mr. Dovey, the Government Analyst, since the action had been brought.

Dealing with the statement of defence, Mr. Fitzroy said in the first paragraph the defendant denied that it was a bank note, and that it was impossible to identify it, while in the second paragraph they admitted that it was a bank note.

Mr. Eldon Potter said that was in the alternative; they could have twenty defences if they liked.

His Lordship said there was nothing practical turning on that. Holding up the note, he asked Mr. Potter if the pieces of paper were the bank note.

Mr. Potter replied in the affirmative. Dealing with the second paragraph of the defence, Mr. Fitzroy observed that the defendant said the note had been materially altered since its issue by them, and contended that such alteration was due to the lack of care or negligence of the plaintiff while the note was in her possession or custody. He remarked that there was no question that the note had been altered, and there was no question that the latter part of the statement was true.

A Specific Number.

In the third paragraph, the defence contended that they were liable to pay the face value of a note bearing a specific number. He (Mr. Fitzroy) admitted that the number was missing, and that the plaintiff was not able to give details of it. In another paragraph, the defence said it was an implied condition of their liability to the holder of a banknote that the note should bear a specific number on presentation, or should be proved to have borne one. He contended that that was not necessary under the circumstances.

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said the concluding paragraph was to the effect that the absence of the number prevented the Bank from identifying it as one of their notes, that they could not obtain from the Government the sum of \$500 deposited in respect of the note, and that they would continue to be liable to a tax of 1 per cent. per annum on the value of the note. Mr. Fitzroy said that the deposit was only two-thirds up to twenty millions, but the full amount if more.

Mr. Potter said that they had forty-five millions.

Dealing with the tax, Mr. Fitzroy said they would only have to pay the note and strike it out; then they would not have to pay the tax.

Mr. Potter: But how are we going to strike it out?

Mr. Fitzroy said that they could do so because they only recorded the average value of the notes, and not the numbers.

The plaintiff, in the witness-box, gave evidence bearing out Mr. Fitzroy's opening statement, and, in reply to Mr. Potter, she said her husband was in the habit of presenting her with \$500 notes.

Mr. Fitzroy said that was his case, after which Mr. Potter said he thought they might have heard Mr. Fitzroy on the law. He was prepared to state his view at any time.

His Lordship (to Mr. Potter): Do you wish to submit formally that there is no case?

Mr. Potter agreed that he was prepared to make that submission.

Mr. Fitzroy then addressed his Lordship on the law relating to the case, and quoted numerous authorities.

Mr. Potter spoke at considerable length on the necessity of banknotes retaining their numbers, and produced many authorities.

Materiality of Numbers.

Continuing his address in the afternoon, Mr. Potter spoke for over two hours, dealing with the question of the materiality of banknote numbers. In support of this he produced a Banking Dictionary, and proceeded to detail the method employed by banks, and especially the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation with regard to the issue of them and crossing them out after payments, etc.

Mr. Potter went on to point out the importance of carelessness being used in the procedure adopted with regard to notes of this character. He emphasised that if the presenting of notes issued in Hongkong could be easily attended to by forgery this would have a bad effect on the trade of the Colony on the bank, in view of the system of currency of the Colony. Under the present system, as soon as notes were in they were destroyed. The Government were notified and other notes were issued in their place.

Mr. Potter submitted that both for the sake of the public and the bank it was impossible to contend that the number of the bank notes was not material.

Mr. Potter then went on to deal at great length with the importance of the materiality of numbers, and referred to and quoted numerous legal authorities and cases bearing on his point.

Preserving Negotiable Instruments.

It had been placed by authorities, even before the days of the Bills of Exchange Law, that the purity of negotiable instruments should be preserved. The \$500 note in question was a promissory note issued by the bank and payable on demand.

Mr. Potter submitted that it was now too late in the day to argue that the number of any banknote was not a material part of the note.

It had been held by law that when a bill was materially altered there was nothing more to be said about it, once it had been avoided. But in the case of a bill, it was proved that the alteration was innocent or accidental, then an action could be taken on the original claim or contract. In this case, however, plaintiff could only sue on the note as there was no contract apart from this. As the note had already been avoided, he submitted that there was nothing more to be said.

The principle involved in this case left the bank no alternative but to fight this action brought against them. It would have been much cheaper for the bank to have paid the \$500, which, taken in relation to the bank's standing, was nothing to them. But the principal forced them to do otherwise, as the creating of a precedent would be disastrous.

Plaintiff's Own Negligence.

This was a case in which the note had been mangled or destroyed by the plaintiff's own carelessness. It was not a case, such as he had previously referred to, in which the note had been destroyed or spoiled by the carelessness or negligence of a stranger, or a case of accidental spoliation. There was no stranger in this case, but as he had said, the alteration caused was entirely due to the plaintiff's own negligence.

If the number had been proved, the bank would immediately have paid the note, and the case would never have come into court.

In conclusion, Mr. Potter submitted that there was no case to answer.

Mr. Fitzroy briefly replied to the arguments advanced by Mr. Potter, and held that it was a case of pure content.

His Lordship said he must find on this point that plaintiff had been guilty of negligence and was herself responsible for what had happened.

Mr. Fitzroy characterised plaintiff's action as a foolish act, but submitted that they were in a position to prove that the note was genuine, and should receive \$500 payment for it.

His Lordship eventually adjourned the case sine die.

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R. E. CABLE,
Hon. Secretary, British Legion,
4142

NOTICE.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held in the JOCKEY CLUB ROOM, HONGKONG CLUB ANNEX, on THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 1926, at 12.30 P.M.

By Order,
C. E. BROWN,
Secretary.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911

AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.

WINDING UP ORDER made the 27th day of OCTOBER, 1926.

Date and Place of First Meeting: Creditors—12th day of NOVEMBER, 1926, at 10.30 o'clock in the Forenoon at the Official Receiver's Office. Contributors—13th day of NOVEMBER, 1926, at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon at the Official Receiver's Office.

Dated the 5th day of November, 1926.
D. W. TRATMAN,
Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Office of the HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION have this Day Moved from No. 12 to No. 10, 106 HOUSE STREET.

PAUL HODGSON,
Secretary.

1st November, 1926. [4143]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 87, GEORGE STREET, (Water Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 6th NOVEMBER, 1926, at 11.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the Year ended 30th June, 1926, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th October, 1926. [4130]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER, 1926, commencing at 2.30 P.M. The First Race will be run at 3 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINDSAY & DAVIS at \$5.00 each up to FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1926.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge. [4137]

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INTIMATIONS.

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NOTICE.

OWING to the fact that the Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Committee have fixed the date of their First Extra Race Meet in November on the 6th of that month, the President of the H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. has decided in the best interests of all concerned to postpone the M.C.L. FETE until SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, as His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clement have very graciously and kindly consented to allow the date to be changed.

The FETE will be opened by Lady Clement at 7 P.M. The PASTORAL PLAY produced by Mrs. Chater (the Dances of which are being arranged by Miss Violet Capell) will be held from 8 to 4.30 P.M. (weather permitting). [4042A]

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DEATH.

BELL-IRVING.—At Poochow, on October 28th, 1926, PATRICIA LOUISE, beloved wife of AENEAS McBEAN BELL-IRVING, and daughter (still-born). [4153]

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London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 4TH, 1926.

CONFUCIANISM AND WESTERN CULTURE.

THERE is a very strongly expressed view on the part of a section of Chinese, backed by a respectable body of foreign opinion, that the salvation of China lies in retracing her steps towards the well tried code which has prevailed for many many decades in China. Back to the old ideals, the old customs, the grand ceremonial and delicate courtesies of every day life about which CONFUCIUS laid down such minute rules—such, probably was the idea at the back of Sir HENRY POLLOCK's mind when he addressed the students at the meeting held in the Cathedral hall. Those who have lived in China for many years mark the tremendous changes from these ancient and picturesque customs, which made one feel as though one were surrounded by visitors from another planet. There was the silent efficient service, the long strange queues, the flowing robe, the stately manners, the inscrutable immobile countenances and the slow movement; all added charm and dignity to the setting. These have gone and have been replaced by the alert young man who has some knowledge of foreign ways, a

youth who is no longer reticent, nor restrained, but greatly daring and assertive. CONFUCIUS would not recognise him as of his own race; doubtless he would feel that while such a youth might pay lip service to his doctrines, he was really an abandoned heretic or, worse still, a renegade.

In the circumstances it is possible to recapture that ancient tradition; and if it is possible, it is likely to be attempted. Of course, opportunities may be provided, but will the thinking elements avail themselves of the privilege. The Chinese have been infected with Western ideas, and it is doubtful whether Confucianism is compatible with them.

In the first place the classical system was maintained by the various dynasties which imposed this culture, as it were, from without. The road to official positions lay through a knowledge of the classics which were thereby accorded a prestige and an assured position in the scheme of things. Such a system was in the interest of the monarchy, for in the first place CONFUCIUS preached loyalty not to one's country but to the individual emperor. The few who were selected for office were an inspiration and stimulus to every humble individual in the Empire to go and do likewise. Thus it can hardly be said that the Confucian doctrine stood on its own feet, as it were. It had the privileged position of a State religion, which all found it to their advantage to embrace.

The fact that the system was associated with the monarchical State in the past, makes it rather suspect in the Republican State of the present. Moreover, it is no longer the avenue through which office and promotion lie, and so it can only become a profound study for the leisured few, who will no doubt accept it for its intrinsic value. When Western science invaded the Orient, it was bound to undermine old loyalties, for it appeals to man's highest function—the reasoning power. It was bound to wither up and blast with its flaming breath the doctrines which were associated with stagnation if not decay, for it looks forward to a brighter future out of which still greater wonders will assuredly come, won by patient research. Unlike the old teaching, it cannot rest content in contemplating the victories of the past nor even of the present. Its whole tendency is in an opposite direction to the old doctrine, with which it will be very difficult to reconcile it.

Europe has provided the stimulus. Japan has already proved an apt pupil. It is impossible to believe that China can revert to the ancient doctrines when the new provide such inspiring examples. We may regret the passing of the old order. Each one of us at heart is a *laudator temporis acti*, but that is largely because we idealise the past and not because it was intrinsically good. It is the business of Western teachers to impart their scientific knowledge in such a way that their pupils will be constantly reminded that the new learning cannot dispense with the old virtues. It is here that an attempt at reconciliation might be made between the two forces, although if faith in the system goes in one part it will be difficult to maintain faith in the residue.

The annual licensing sessions will be held at the Council Chamber to-morrow at noon.

H.M.S. *Hermes* Carnival Ball is being held at the King Edward Hotel to-morrow evening.

The Kowloon Cricket Club are holding a dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant to-morrow at 9 p.m.

The first ladies' night of the winter season will be held at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, this evening.

Mr. L. O. F. Bellamy, A.M.I.E.E., M.Inst.T., general manager of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., returned by the *Empress of Russia*.

The following appointments were made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies during the month ended September 10th—Hongkong: Mr. F. K. Ewart, Asst. Master, Education Department; Mr. E. H. J. Traves, Lecturer and Tutor in English, Hongkong University, already announced; and Miss N. C. Pakenham Walsh, and Miss D. Lewis, Nursing Sisters.

Dr. G. E. Aubrey, the well-known local practitioner, accompanied by Mrs. Aubrey, returned to Hongkong on the *Empress of Russia*.

Mr. C. M. McDonald, of the *China Mail*, returned to Hongkong yesterday by the *Empress of Russia* after seven months' holiday spent in Australia, Britain and America.

To-morrow afternoon at Lee Gardens, Sir Shau Son Chow and Lady Chow and Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall are giving a reception in honour of H.E. the Governor and Lady Clement.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Major Grey Launsbury Peterson, R.A.S.C., Hongkong, to Mrs. Geoffrey Lee Crofton-Smith (née Gladys Lloyd), of Hartford House, Hartley Wintney, Hants, England.

Messrs. J. F. and N. C. Macgregor, the Governing Directors of the well-known firm of Messrs. Calbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd., are paying a short visit to Hongkong, and are staying at Repulse Bay Hotel.

The Farewell Carnival Dance at the Royal Engineer's Theatre, Wellington Barracks, given by the Dance Club of H.M.S. *Titanic* and submarines will take place this evening at 8.30. Prizes will be given for fancy and original dresses.

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of a pretty wedding early this week, the contracting parties being Mrs. Anne Ada Mayor and Mr. Franke Reginald Fuggle, of the Prison Department, Hongkong. Rev. H. V. Copley Moyle, M.A., officiated at the ceremony.

In a moment of insanity, a Chinese woman attempted to take her life by jumping into the harbour from the Central Prison on Tuesday. A boatman effected her rescue, and she was subsequently taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of the immersion.

The police branch of the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League held a sale of work at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon to raise funds in aid of the deserving cause. There was an attractive display of various articles, and the stalls were well patronised.

Mr. "Tam" Pearce, of interport cricket fame, has returned from Home leave, accompanied by Mrs. Pearce, on the *Empress of Russia*, which arrived yesterday. Mr. Pearce is also an ardent owner-member of the Jockey Club as he runs the string of "King" ponies under the name of "Mr. Dynasty."

News of the death of Dr. Francis M. Caird, of Edinburgh, has come to the Colony. The deceased was known to several doctors now practising in Hongkong. Dr. Caird, who passed away on November 1st, was 73 years of age, and was the author (with Mr. Catchcart) of Student's Atlas of Bones and Ligaments; and also a surgical handbook. Many useful contributions to medical journals also bore his name.

At the Indian Recreation Club yesterday afternoon, the Indian community entertained the three Parsee cyclists, Messrs. J. P. Bapasola, A. B. Hakin and R. J. Bhungara, who arrived in the Colony on October 17th on their cycling tour around the world. Reminiscences of their tour were given by the interperd cyclists, and at the conclusion of the reception, they were presented with medals by their hosts.

Among the passengers who arrived on the *Empress of Russia* yesterday were Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Templeton, of Taikoo, Mr. W. Gardner, Mrs. D. M. Biggar (wife of the manager of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, Hongkong), Mr. J. Faugier, Mr. Lo Innin (the Marine Magistrate's interpreter) and Mrs. L. M. Lo Kan, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. and Miss Y. Perry, Captain P. H. Rolfe, Mr. A. H. Rowe, and A. S. Simoes.

Mr. C. Thorne, writing from the Oriental Club, Hanover-square, to *The Times*, supports a letter regarding the influence vested in travellers abroad with the following quotation from a sermon preached in August, 1922, in the Hongkong Cathedral by the Colonial Chaplain, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, of which he made note at the time, and which is worthy of a wide audience:—"The future of our Empire depends as much on the conduct of British people abroad as on the wisdom of our statesmen."

What was formerly the Central Fire Brigade Station in Queen's Road Central, has now been practically converted into the Central Garage. The building is extremely suitable for such an undertaking, and requires little or no alteration. It can house a good many cars at one time, with its four bays running far back into the building. It also has ample room for the installation of a running repair shop. Already several cars are garaged there, and being situated in the Central district and in the heart of the business centre, it should be very convenient and do a flourishing business.

The Rev. E. A. Bastin, who concludes his ministry at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai, on Sunday, is proceeding Home, under doctor's orders, on account of ill health. The Rev. Mr. Bastin has only been in Hongkong since January last, having come here from up-country. His place at Wanchai is to be filled by the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, who is now at Brentford, England. Until the arrival of Mr. Anstey in December, the Rev. H. F. Rossiter will supply at Wanchai. The Rev. Mr. Bastin hopes to return to the East in about a year's time, and should he do so he will probably go up country again, which he had to leave on account of the trouble in the interior.

Mystery still surrounds the disappearance of Frederico Pereira, Portuguese, who was last seen at tea o'clock on Saturday night, October 16th, near the Town Hall, says the *Shanghai Mercury* of October 30th.

General Chen Kin Mu, the former Hupoh Tupan, who was caught by the Nationalist authorities after the fall of Wuchang, is being held at General Tang Seng Shi's headquarters at West Park in Hankow.

Ten sacks of empty rifle shells, which were found on board an unclaimed fishing boat at Taikotsui on Saturday, were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. J. H. B. Nichill, the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday.

The Bible Study Circle at the Helena May Institute on Friday mornings at 10.30 a.m., during the month of November will be conducted by Mr. J. L. McPherson. Subject: "Old Testament Studies." Advvt.

The s.s. *Hai Ning* arrived from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow yesterday, and among the passengers were Rev. and Mrs. Brinkerhoff and child, Rev. and Mrs. W. Ashmore, Miss Bender, Miss Bentley and Mr. M. A. Hallum.

Sir William Henry Hyndman Jones, of West Cliff Road, Bournemouth, formerly Lord Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, who died on August 30th, aged 79, left estate of the gross value of £29,863, with net personality £9,500.

A Carnival Dinner Dance is announced to take place at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on Saturday, November 13th. Dinner will be \$4 per head, and tables may now be booked at the Hongkong Hotel. Fancy or evening dress will be optional.

At the Cenotaph ceremony on Armistice Day, the British Legion has been asked to furnish a contingent. Mr. R. E. Cable, the hon. secretary in Hongkong (c/o the Government Civil Hospital) would like to hear from those willing to attend, not later than by Monday morning.

A meeting of creditors of the Oriental Commercial Bank (in voluntary liquidation) will be held to-morrow at the registered offices of the Company, No. 25, Des Vaux Road, Central, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the advisability of the winding-up of the Company by the Court.

Two dead bodies of Chinese, a man and a woman, were picked up in the harbour yesterday by a Water Police launch. One body appeared to have been in the water some time, while the other seemed to have been only in for a few hours. The bodies were taken to the Kowloon Mortuary to await identification.

A Chinese youth seeing a jacket hanging on a nail outside a shop in Wing Kut Street thought it would fit him and promptly appropriated it. A passing detective, however, saw the incident and the miscreant was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday when he received a fine of \$5 for his action.

The first of the Saturday night dances at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, will take place on Saturday, the 6th, and the music will be supplied by the "Black and White Syncopated Orchestra," a new band of musicians. In past years these dances were very successful, and the management expects this year's function to be a greater success.

Sir Frederick Lugard was the guest of the Authors' Club on October 4th, when he spoke of questions of education, methods of government and labour in Africa. At the close, Mr. Paul King, late of the Chinese Service, paid a tribute to what he described as a wonderful work Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard did in Hongkong.

One of Mr. Baldwin's most frequent visitors since his return from Aix has been Major Nathan, who, as the directing genius of the Peking Syndicate and other ventures, stands for a large slice of British interests in China. "Mr. London," writing in the *Daily Graphic* on October 6th, says that not only does he speak several Chinese dialects fluently, but he is also possessed of an amazing knowledge of the working of the Oriental mind. As a Government adviser at Downing Street he has more than once influenced our Eastern policy.

NORTHERN SITUATION.

NANCHANG OUT OF DANGER.

TROOPS MASSING IN THE NORTH.

Little change is reported from the different battle fronts. The news which came to a Chinese business firm, that Changteh had been captured, is proved to be premature; but it is stated that the Northern forces have now moved down and that the Southern position at that city is in a precarious state. Further Northern troops are being moved to the scene from Szechuan, for a fresh division of Yang Sen's men is reported to have arrived at Ichang, bound for Shashi. They state that their objectives are Yochow and Changsha.

Yang Sen Arriving.

Yang Sen is stated to be now coming down himself and is expected to arrive in Ichang in a day or two. It seems that the fighting in the north Hunan sector has been conducted up to the present by General Lu, of Ichang, whose forces were augmented by some of Yang Sen's troops. Now the latter is himself taking the field, he will very likely personally take charge. Rumour has it that as he has found it difficult to get back into Szechuan he is casting his eyes on Hunan, and if he ousts the Southern influence from that province it will give him substantial grounds for claiming the Tupsinship.

Sun's Forces Advancing.

Progress is also reported from downriver, for it is stated that Sun Chuan Fang's troops have now come up to a point level with Kichow. They have not yet entered that city, but the advance inland is placing the Southern troops in a rather a dubious position. This move, though, is not expected to reach Hankow, and all eyes are turned northward in expectation of the move talked of drive southward by Wu Pei Fu. Although there is as yet no word of this having been started, letters from Homan state that for the last fortnight or so Northern troops have been piling down the Kichow railway. The information that no push would be commenced till all was in readiness for the carrying out of a successful campaign. It is also asserted that these troops are largely Chang Tsung Chang's men who had been kept at Hsueh-chow in case of a Northern defeat in Kiangsi. It seems that there is now no fear of this eventuality, and these divisions are being thrown in around Sinyangchow. In the meantime Fan Chung Hsueh, the brigand leader, is stated to have lost his enthusiasm for the Southern cause and is now sitting on the fence. His forces are mainly around Nanyang and although there is some fighting between certain factions of these and the Northern soldiers, a skirmishing is stated to be of a very desultory character.

The Kiangsi Front.

The statement that Chiang Kai Shek had been wounded during the fighting around Nanchang is confirmed by a report from Kichang. This also says that he had received the attention of an American doctor. Other reports received from people who have arrived from Nanchang bear out the Northern contention that there is no fear of another Southern attack on the city. According to the latest estimate the Cantonese forces have been driven back some 60 li. It is further asserted that Sun Chuan Fang still has large numbers of good troops in hand, but notwithstanding this, fighting has died down and little of importance is said to be taking place in this sector.

Residents of Nanchang and Tahan who have been there through the recent fighting are now beginning to arrive in Hankow, and it is possible to obtain authentic details as to events in this district during the most exciting time these towns have experienced in modern history.—(C.C. Post.)

Views of An Old China Hand.

Writing to the *Daily Telegraph*, "An Old China Hand" says: "I venture to ask the T.I.C. through you whether they realize the gravity of their action in moving the resolution in regard to affairs in China. There is no need for anyone to fan the flame, unless they wish to witness another massacre such as those of who were in China during the Boxer troubles saw. My experience of the people at close range, lived with them, studied their language and mentality, and my candid opinion is that Britain has been very patient, and has borne many insults which should have been resisted. All our efforts have been frustrated. Now is the time to act. We must face the fact that we are dealing with leaders who are fanatical. I am still hopeful of China, and when she comes to her senses, as surely she will, the people will be as much ashamed of their present conduct as they were after the Boxer madness. She strikes out like a startled dream awaking from the delirium of a dream, striking her best friend—Britain."

Insurgents Active Above Han River.

HANKOW, October 29th. It is reported that insurgents have been showing great activity in the region above the Han River these few days, while another report has it that the troops under General Yang Sen, stationed at Shashi, proceeded there along an inner river, but the real state of affairs is not known at present.—(Toho.)

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD CAPITAL.

A CORRECTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, November 2nd.

The message sent in regard to the North German Lloyd should read that the Directors intended to increase the capital by 50,000,000 marks and not by 1,000,000 marks.

THE MURDER OF A FRENCH CONSUL.

FURTHER DETAILS OF KWANGSI OUTRAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Further details regarding the Murder by Chinese bandits of M. Robert, French Consul at Lungchow, on the border of Kwangsi Province and Indo-China, as reported in our issue of yesterday, are given below.

Body Found in Grove.

PEKING, November 2nd. M. Robert was accompanied by Monsieur Cadet, an administrator in the French Colonial service. The gang of bandits or pirates attacked them 25 kilometres from Lungchow in Kwangsi province whence they had started early in the morning.

The Chinese authorities, on hearing the news, sent a battalion of troops who arrived on the spot at two in the afternoon and found M. Robert's corpse in a grove, pierced by two bullets in the head and stomach. M. Cadet and the Annamite chauffeur were dragged away by the bandits but managed to escape and after 24 hours' exhausting walking, arrived safely at the French Consulate at Lungchow on the night of November 1st.

French Comment.

PARIS, November 3rd. Commenting on the murder of M. Robert, *Le Journal* says that the Powers should take in hand the solution of the Chinese problem, but the first necessity is that they should be agreed among themselves, a condition which unfortunately is very difficult to achieve.

FRANCO-ITALIAN FRICTION.

FURTHER TROUBLE ON THE FRONTIER.

LONDON, November 3rd. Franco-Italian friction has re-arisen as a result of recent incidents notably on the Franco-Italian frontier station, Ventimiglia, where it now appears that Italian Fascist militiamen beat a number of French railwaymen to the ground, and undressed their caps while a band was playing a Fascist hymn.

Subsequently a Fascist managed to enter the French Consulate and tried to make a speech from the balcony but was arrested. There has also been a hand encounter between French servicemen and Italian Fascists at Beau-solot. The French newspapers are indignant. The "Right" Press, which has been urging a meeting of M. Briand and Signor Mussolini to discuss Franco-Italian relations generally, contends that these incidents have increased the need of such a conference.

GENERAL BOOTH LEAVES JAPAN.

TOKYO, November 3rd. The great Salvationist, General Booth, after addressing large gatherings at Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe and Yokohama, is leaving for Shimonoseki and Korea to-night. Officials and citizens everywhere extended to General Booth a most cordial welcome.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

OPPOSITION FROM CEYLON.

COLOMBO, November 2nd. The announcement in regard to the invalidity of unused rubber export coupons is considered futile here, as estates with outstanding export credits will be able to use the new coupons with a time limit and draw upon untouchable coupons for a very long period. The proposal to limit the validity of coupons must be submitted to the Legislative Council, many members of which are strongly opposed to any form of restriction of export.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

THE BRITISH IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

THE COMMITTEES' ACTIVITIES. EMPIRE DEFENCE PROBLEM.

RUGBY, November 2nd. The detailed examination by the Imperial Conference of the work of the Navy, Army and Air Forces was completed to-day, when the delegates visited the Air Ministry.

At a full meeting of the Conference on Thursday, the general aspects of the Empire Defence problem will be resumed. This afternoon the committee of Prime Ministers further considered questions affecting inter-imperial relations. Several of the special committees also met.

The Overseas Settlement Committee devoted itself mainly to migration questions affecting Australia. The research sub-committee was engaged in considering the machinery for organisation, which would enable different parts of the Empire to reap the full advantage of the results achieved by research work elsewhere in the Empire.

The Economic Committee completed its investigation of the question of industrial standardisation within the Empire.

A report has been prepared on the proposal that some authoritative body or bodies should determine the essential dimensions of materials and qualities of manufactured products and the adoption by users generally of the specifications thus laid down. A survey of the whole question revealed that much had already been affected in this matter in the Mother Country and the Dominions—in South Africa numbers of types of engines in use on railways have as a result been reduced in sixteen years from sixty-eight to eleven—but it was generally agreed that much remains to be done.

WIRELESS TELEPHONES FOR LONDON HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

15,000 HEADPHONES INSTALLED.

RESULT OF NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, November 2nd.

All the hospitals in the London area—125 in number—are now fully equipped with wireless telephones, and nearly 15,000 headphones have been installed at the bedside of patients, as a result of voluntary subscriptions, organised by the *Daily News*. Many references to the beneficial results of broadcasting upon patients were made at the Mansion House meeting to-day, marking the completion of the scheme.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS.

THE LABOURITES JUBILANT.

RUGBY, November 2nd.

The latest results of the Municipal Elections in England and Wales show that the Labour Party has a net gain of 147 seats, Conservatives have a net loss of 70 seats, Liberals a net loss of 49 and Independents a net loss of 21. London is not involved in these elections. Its Municipal Elections are held only every three years whereas in provinces elections take place each year for one-third of the members of Councils. Labour circles express the greatest satisfaction with the results of the elections.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Electors' Apathy at the Polls.

LONDON, November 3rd. The final figures in the Municipal elections give gains and losses of the respective parties as follows:—Labour 158, 11; Conservatives 19, 59; Liberals 5, 57; Independents 14, 35.

Remarkable apathy was reflected in the slackness of polling notably in the large towns. In many cases, below 50 per cent. of the electors voted.

Labourite successes are principally in the Midlands and the North, including Scotland, where they gained 8 in Glasgow, 8 in Edinburgh, 2 in Dundee, but lost one in Aberdeen.

LOSS OF "VALERIAN."

SEQUEL TO BERMUDA DISASTER.

ANOTHER BRITISH NAVAL EPIC.

BERMUDA, November 2nd. A stirring account of the sinking of the British Naval sloop *Valerian* was given by Commander Usher at the court-martial of enquiry into the loss of the ship which honourably acquitted all the nineteen survivors. It found that every one was at his post until the last, and that all had maintained British Naval traditions by exemplary conduct.

Storm Warnings.

Commander Usher reported that economical steaming was necessary on sailing from the Bahamas owing to the scarcity of bunkers. He received warnings when 200 miles from Bermuda, so he increased his speed to a maximum of 9½ knots with one boiler. Further warnings led him to start a second boiler and increase the steaming rate to 11½ knots, but he slowed down to 10 knots owing to the bearings becoming heated. He was only five miles from Gibbs Hill at eight o'clock in the morning, but, contrary to anticipation, was unable to make land and headed for the south-east.

"Valerian" Heels Over.

The wind increased and, handicapped with the maximum engine power at her disposal, the ship was seaworthy until one afternoon when a series of squalls, beguiling description, ensued. The *Valerian* heeled over 70 degrees, but righted herself again. More squalls followed and the engines stopped. The ship was apparently aground, though no breakers were visible. She turned over and slowly her funnels became submerged; her boilers exploded; and she sank.

Man Taken to Raft.

The men boarded rafts which tossed about and were turned over day and night until the warship *Cape Town* arrived at ten o'clock on the following morning just when the exhausted survivors were beginning to lose hold.

Twelve out of 23 were saved on the Commander's raft. The survivors say that Commander Usher sank with his ship clinging to the bridge, but was washed off and caught hold of a raft.

PLOT AGAINST SPAIN.

FRUSTRATED BY POLICE.

BERGAMON, November 2nd. What is believed to be an extensive revolutionary plot directed against Spain was nipped in the bud by the prompt action of the Police in arresting about 60 persons at various points of the frontier who, it is alleged, furnished field telephones and military equipment to Spanish, Italian, and British subjects disguised as tourists.

The suspicions of the French authorities were aroused by the despatch of numerous cipher telegrams.

The frontier trains were closely scrutinised, resulting in a widespread arrest uncaring the conspiracy whereby the revolutionaries were supposed to have arranged to assemble at Estagel, Bataille, and Millas, and thence proceed across the frontier and launch a revolution.

Rumour Denied.

MADRID, November 2nd. The newspapers deny that there is any foundation for the recent "disquieting rumours." The "Nation" says that the Government cannot be blamed for taking any necessary measures for the security of the State.

COAL DISPUTE.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE HELD.

NO EMBARGO ON FOREIGN COAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, November 2nd.

At a Conference held this afternoon between representatives of the various Transport Unions and the Miners' Executive the question of the embargo on foreign coal was discussed. It is officially announced that the Conference decided to adjourn to enable a report to be made to the General Council of the Trades Union Congress. Nothing is said in the official statement as to the views expressed at the Conference, but this silence is regarded as confirming the anticipations that the transport-workers did not approve of the embargo, which had already been declared impracticable by their leaders.

The admission is made that the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, which is one of the two railwaymen's Unions, declined even to send representatives. It is also learned, unofficially, that the ballot of the National Union of Seamen was announced. Only 959 voted in favour of the embargo and 10,969 were against it.

Question of a Levy.

To-morrow, representatives of all the Trades Unions will meet to consider the miners' proposal for a levy. It is considered that negative decisions, both in regard to the embargo and in regard to the levy, are foregone conclusions, and it is expected that, when the miners' delegates assemble in London later in the week, these negative decisions will have an important effect.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Rebuff from Other Unions.

LONDON, November 2nd. The conference of the various Unions discussing the proposal of the Miners' Federation for an embargo on imported coal has adjourned without a decision, but it is learned that the Seamen's Union has rejected an embargo by a majority of over ten to one, while the Locomotive Engineers and Firemen's Union declined to attend the Conference.

Levy Approved.

LATER. The unions at the affiliated Trade Union Congress decided to support the miners and to recommend a voluntary levy on members of a penny a day per head.

"A HOLY LYNCHING."

FASCIST DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT ITALY.

ROME, November 2nd. There have been disturbances in various parts of Italy in consequence of the attempt on Signor Mussolini's life.

Two people were killed at Genoa. A Fascist at Cagliari climbed the balcony of a house belonging to an anti-Fascist named Lussu and harangued a crowd. He was killed and Lussu has been arrested on a charge of causing his death. The entire press demands new measures to protect Mussolini's life. The *Impero* asks whether the opposition wishes to have a new St. Bartholomew's Night (referring to the historic massacre of the Huguenots), and the *Impero* also describes the death of Mussolini's assailant as "a holy lynching."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SENSATIONAL U.S. TRIALS.

CLERGYMAN'S WIFE ACCUSED OF MURDER.

FILM CAMERAS IN COURT.

SOMERVILLE (New Jersey), November 2nd. Extraordinary interest is being taken in the trial of Mrs. Hall and her two brothers on a charge of the murder of the Rev. E. Hall and Mrs. Mills. Two hundred Pressmen will report the proceedings for the newspapers all over the country. An attempt will be made to broadcast wirelessly the descriptions, although the Judge refused to allow a microphone in Court. Film cameras, however, have been installed in the Court Room.

Counsel for the defence, who is most keenly alive to publicity, has distributed to newspapers specially posed pictures of Mrs. Hall requesting that they be used in preference to hasty snapshots which do not do justice to his wealthy client. The defence is a complete alibi.

ALLEGED MURDER BY REVIVALIST.

INTENSE FEELING AROUSED.

PORT WORTH, Texas, November 2nd. An unnamed person who expressed a wish to get on the Jury in order to "break Norris's damned neck" was cited in Court by the defence in urging a change of venue of the trial on the ground of the impossibility of securing justice where the most intense feeling prevailed against the accused.

Witnesses testified to Mr. Meach, the Mayor of Port Worth, having undertaken to pay local lawyers \$15,000 to help the prosecution.

On the other hand, Norris's Church has subscribed heavily to the costs of the pastor's defence.

The Court agreed to transfer the trial to another county. [A cable of July 19th stated that the Rev. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, pleaded that he acted in self defence when he was arrested after fatally shooting a man named De Chippis, a lumberman, in the study of the Church Parsonage. Norris is a prominent anti-evolutionist and revivalist, and is publisher of the weekly paper, "The Searchlight." He delivered a sensational sermon in New York last year in which he said that the city would be wiped out for its sins. Norris told the Police that De Chippis resented his public address and threatened him.]

U.S. ELECTIONS.

REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRATIC? "WET" OR "DRY" ISSUE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, November 2nd.

The main issues of to-day's election are:—

Firstly: Will next Congress be Republican or Democratic?

Secondly: Will Governor Smith be re-elected for New York State?

Thirdly: Will the "dry" sentiment in the United States reassert itself through the referendum initiated in eight States? The Democrats need only nine seats in the Senate and 39 in the House of Representatives to obtain control and be able to snap their fingers at the Coolidge Administration.

Governor Smith made a bid for the Presidential nomination at the 1934 Democratic Convention, and to-day's election will have a considerable bearing on his chances of nomination in 1933.

An amusing sidelight of the elections, which is symptomatic, has been the eagerness of New York politicians to proclaim themselves "wet."

President in Train Smash.

NORTHAMPTON (Massachusetts), November 2nd.

President Coolidge and his wife arrived and proceeded to the polls to record their votes. They will return forthwith to Washington.

An exciting incident occurred near Baltimore when the President's train crashed into a motor car in which were two soldiers. The latter escaped uninjured. The impact, however, caused the front wheels of the engine to jump. President Coolidge was asleep at the time and was awakened by the shock.

Smith's Re-Election Certain.

New York, November 2nd. Governor Smith's re-election is practically certain.

"Wet" Victories.

LATER. Illinois voted heavily wet. The Republicans lost Oklahoma Senate seat, and in eight other States, they are trailing behind the Democrats or holding on by shaky majorities.

Available figures in regard to the position in the House of Representatives show a net Democratic gain of four. Mrs. Langley was elected to the Kentucky seat vacated by her husband who was sent to the Atlantic Penitentiary for conspiracy to violate the prohibition law.

FIRST RESULTS.

DEMOCRATIC AND "WET" VICTORIES.

New York, November 3rd. The first known results of yesterday's elections to Congress show important Democratic and "Wet" victories in the Eastern States.

The Democrat, Mr. Alfred Smith, was elected Governor of New York for the third time. The Democratic nominee for the Senate, Mr. Robert Wagner, defeated the present New York member, Mr. James Wadsworth, a supporter of President Coolidge.

The Democratic ex-Senator, Mr. David Walsh, defeated Senator William Butler, the Chairman of the Republican National Committee of Massachusetts.

Mr. Butler was the only Senatorial Candidate in the country whom President Coolidge openly supported. In a prohibition referendum in New York State there was an overwhelming victory for the "Wet."

Incomplete returns indicate a 3 to 1 vote in favour of Congress authorising the States to determine individually the meaning of Prohibition in an amendment to the Constitution. There was a majority in New York City of over 7 votes to 1 but many "Drys" boycotted the referendum.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL COMPANY.

STATEMENT AT ANNUAL MEETING.

INCREASED DEMAND.

LONDON, November 2nd. Presiding at the annual meeting of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, Sir Charles Greenway, announced his decision to withdraw from the more active duties early in 1937. He will be succeeded by Sir John Cadman.

Henceforth to be named Musjidi Suleiman, or Solomon's Temple, there was nothing similar elsewhere in the world, declared Sir Charles Greenway, in describing the Company's fields in Persia, which had been increased to about thirty square miles up to the present. He described how the three fields were now proved by drilling to form one single vast oilfield.

Referring to the increase in the consumption of petroleum throughout the world, he opined that there was little probability of any substantial reduction in prices. The Company's profits for the past year exceeded £2,333,000, an increase of over £300,000 as compared with the previous year. He mentioned that large deliveries were now being made to Germany while the Empire markets had extended to East Africa. He pointed out how the British coal stoppage had resulted in largely increased demands for fuel oil, the deliveries of which the Company had hitherto been able to increase materially.

Increased Capital.

It was announced that the Directors proposed to invite Sir Charles Greenway to accept the title of President of the Company so that they would still have the benefit of his experience. Sir Charles Greenway said he would be pleased to accept.

The meeting passed a resolution authorising an increase in the share capital from £20,000,000 to £24,000,000 by the creation of four million ordinary shares of £1 each, and the capitalisation of £4,475,000 from the General Reserve.

THE SAI KUNG. PIRACY.

DEFENDANT'S CROSS-EXAMINATION.

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The piracy and murder on board the steam-launch *Sai Tung*, alleged to have been committed by five Chinese on September 13th, again came up for hearing at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill. The Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, prosecuted.

The nineteenth witness called for the prosecution said that the five defendants went to his shop at Tai Long village, New Territory, on September 13th, and asked for some cakes to eat. The defendants, before leaving the shop, left three rifles behind.

Cross-examined by one of the defendants, witness said that his shop is in British territory and not in Chinese territory.

Defendant: If your shop is in British territory, then how could you allow people to leave firearms in your store?

Witness: I did not know who you were. Defendant: I suppose you were aware of the fact that in British territory, no one is allowed to have any arms without permission?

Witness: I know nothing about the law. Defendant: If you had any sense, you surely would have known that it was illegal to possess arms?

Witness: I have never been abroad. Defendant: Have you ever seen me before?

Witness: No, you were a stranger to me. Defendant: Then, isn't it more surprising that you should receive firearms from a perfect stranger?

Witness: I did not know who you were, and I could not help it. Further evidence was given by other villagers, and the case was again remanded.

MARINE STORE KEEPERS SUMMONED.

INFRINGEMENT OF ORDINANCE.

DEALS IN IRON WITHOUT PERMIT.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, eleven Chinese, each the proprietor of a marine store-keeper's establishment, appeared in connection with the alleged infringement of the Marine Store-keepers Ordinance relative to the keeping of books.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared on behalf of five of the defendants, and Mr. S. H. Losby for the other six.

Opening the case on behalf of his clients, Mr. Lo said that he pleaded guilty to a purely technical offence. His clients carried on other business than that of purely marine stores. Hundreds of shops dealt in old iron without holding licences. It could not be within contemplation of the Ordinance for a licence did people no good, in fact, in many cases, it did a great deal of harm. He did not think that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., held a licence. He would like to ask for an adjournment for one week in order that he might have an opportunity for consulting Mr. C. G. Perdue, the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation.

Mr. Perdue raising no objection to the proposal, his Worship adjourned the case against Mr. Lo's clients for one week. Speaking on behalf of the remaining defendants, Mr. Losby said that he would plead guilty to a technical offence but would ask that his Worship deal with the defendants as leniently as possible.

After hearing Mr. Perdue with regard to the number of entries that had been omitted by each of the defendants, his Worship imposed various fines ranging from \$30 to \$50.

THEFT OF WHITE METAL.

MAN IMPRISONED, BOYS CANED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, a Chinese was charged with the theft of white metal parts from two private rickshaws. With him there also appeared two small boys who were charged with carrying out the thefts at the man's instigation.

Div. Inspector Blackman stated that considerable damage was done to the rickshaws by the wrenching of the metal fittings from their sockets. It was as a result of confessions from the two boys that the third defendant was arrested. It was shown that he sent out the boys to steal.

His Worship ordered twelve strokes for one of the youthful culprits, and eight strokes for the other, whilst the man was sent to prison for twelve weeks on conviction of the two counts preferred against him.

THE RAMMED "CROSS KEYS."

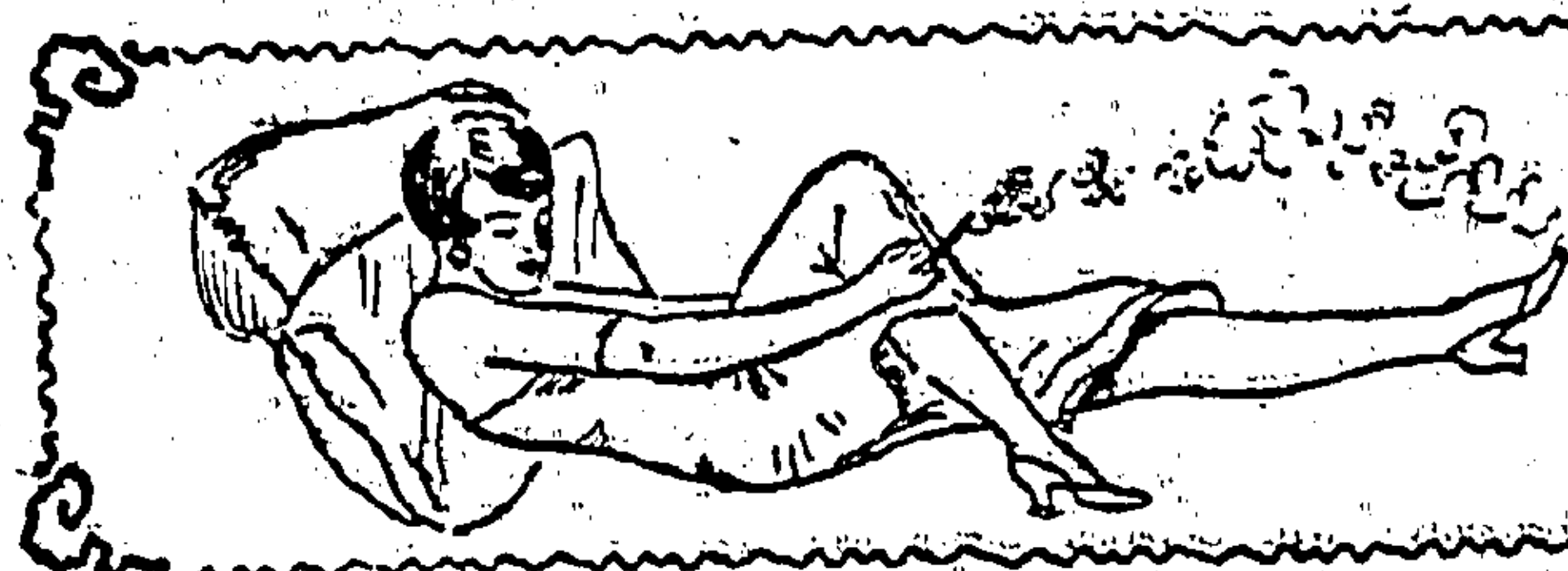
GOES INTO TAIKOO.

The *Cross Keys*, the United Shipping Board steamer was rammed in Iloilo harbour, Philippine Islands by the s.s. *Consuelo* of Madrigal & Company, the latter being a regular caller at Amoy.

The *Cross Keys* was tied in mid-stream at Iloilo when the s.s. *Consuelo* (in charge of the pilot who took in the *Cross Keys*) entered port.

The *Cross Keys* was rammed on her port side midship.

A representative of the Taikoo Dock was sent to Manila for a general survey of the vessel. The approximate damage is estimated at \$40,000. Minor repairs were effected in Manila to make the *Cross Keys* seaworthy for her trip to Hongkong.



The WOMAN'S PAGE

FASHION.

Last week I was shown one of the most flattering-to-the-figure coats which I have seen in Hongkong. There is not a horizontal line in it! Those panels which cut up the back expand from hem to hip and are carried just high enough to meet the generous frivolous cape sleeves; which, in some mysterious way seem to belong to the coat, without disturbing its original slim, close-fitting design. The light warm cloth was in one of the autumn shades of rose-beige.

In most cases now where the frock and coat are cut from the same cloth, the coat is an inch longer than the dress, thus providing a margin for the swinging hemline. The glass of fashion must give no hint of "your petticoat is peeping" as a Japanese amah once said to me.

It was good to hear an emphatic statement that present stocks of clothes will

BEAUTY CULTURE

In her richest contralto, Miss Nora Bayes is telling London:-

"Every painted lady
Is some mother's baby.
Though on Broadway
She's a wild, wild rose."

Half Hongkong has forgotten that fact, and the other half does not believe it is true. But it is; and most of the righteous indignation is due to the obvious fact that we are not all artists. I should say that the most important requisite of the Far East dressing table is a strong ray of daylight. The next essential is a notebook, hanging on the mirror, where we used to keep bundles of old dance programmes years ago. In this book "jot down the things you don't like about other women's make-up."

There might be a command on the first page: "Don't use a cream and powder which makes your face look whiter than your teeth. Indian women have beautiful teeth admittedly, but some of the white gleam is gained by contrast with the skin of lip and cheek. Blondes, with naturally white skin, are apt to accentuate its fairness, forgetting that the eye is attracted to any high light, and while remembering that this same radiance must be led firmly away from the nose, its natural apex is the shiny surface of the teeth. With this in mind it is wise to choose a dark rose lip-salve, and use little of that, especially if the gums show when the face is vivacious. Every woman should think over this subject of make-up, and decide to what type her face and neck belong, and then whether she can afford the time and money, necessary to the culture. Having decided in favour of "just a little touch here and there," as most of us do, she can then be sufficiently strong minded to avoid the pitfalls, into which a poor supply of daylight on the mirror, inevitably lead.

AN EXCELLENT LUNCHEON DISH.

There are several kinds of anonymous letters, brutal, bullying, begging, and the one before me fortunately belongs to the third category. It is a pitiful cry of suffering: "Will you devise some tiffins which a man over 45 can enjoy, without feeling like a boar-constrictor who has just swallowed his sister?"

One solution lies in the substitution of rice for potatoes, and I think more men would enjoy Chinese dishes, if they were not so surrounded by an air of bravado and chopsticks! Any Chinese cook will prepare a delicious mixture of cubes, including fried chicken, or veal, minute pieces of cucumber, squares of ginger, mushrooms, and softened almonds, with a brown gravy. An addition of fried stars of toast, and a sprinkle of chopped parsley, mint, leek, green celery leaf, garlic and chillies, if liked, makes this into an excellent luncheon dish, if served in peace and quiet, in the usual entree dish or Pyrex glass bowl.

One tin pate de foie gras; one rabbit. Pound the rabbit with chopped herbs, butter and a little chestnut reduced to a paste. Surround the foie-gras with this mixture, and cover the whole with a thin aspic jelly, which may be decorated with chopped green olives.

LAUGHTER AS BLOOD TONIC.

DOCTOR'S ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

"Over 80 per cent. of men are unfitted to be soldiers, and such physical inefficiency is bound to be a handicap in every walk of life," said Dr. John Fawcett when making an appeal for more playing fields at the opening of Guy's Hospital Medical School. There was no class of men, he added, who could make a more weighty appeal to the public on the question of playing fields than doctors. In words of advice to the students, Dr. Fawcett said partnerships were one of the snares of a young doctor, and yet it was a great blessing if he found the right man. He had known young men falling into a slough of despond and depression for some years because of a disappointing start. He commended to all of them laughter, which, as Stevenson said, made good blood and was one of the greatest implements of the pharmacopoeia.

"TWENTY-FIVE" AND MR. BEVERLEY NICHOLS.

Being a Young Man's Candid Recollections of His Elders and Betters by Beverley Nichols—London, Jonathan Cape, Ltd.

Mr. Beverley Nichols, in his foreword to his autobiography, "25," says that the fear of subsequent boredom drives him to publish thus early his impressions of some of his fellow men and women. His is an enthusiasm which has survived the sneers of the public school bully and the sarcasm of modern society, and his wealth of sympathy should continue to make friends for him long after he has passed all the barriers of age which he deplores and laments. This book really only covers about seven years of his twenty-five, and many a reader, on closing it, will be tempted to persuade him to write of his childhood, and then of his days as President of the Oxford Union; and

mann, Carpentier, Lady Russell, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, and a dozen others. His "thumbprint" of the late Valentino will probably find endorsement amongst that still considerable section of society which has not caught flash-light-favourite fever. There are a few pen sketches of intensely interesting folk who, having failed to become victims of a craving for publicity, are not as yet household words of commendation, or condemnation. One is Oliver Baldwin, son of our present Prime Minister—a few hundred words of vivid character drawing, with an appreciation of "Chequers" tacked on at the end.

In his two hundred and fifty all too short pages, he carries us to America, back through the lighter side of London life, and on across Europe to Greece, into the gardens of that sad, and pensive Queen Sophie, sister of the Kaiser. Whether time has healed your war hatreds, or whether your physical, mental, and financial wounds still fester at a touch, Mr. Nichols reminds you in all the most pleasant ways, that Queen Sophie was also a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria. Soon after the Balkans, he was away to Australia, sitting in the moonlit wilds with Melba, climbing rough paths to the enchanted home of Norman Lindsay. He drove there in a palatial motor, with Melba singing beside him through the Blue Mountains, and the only blot on the horizon seems to have been Lindsay; they did not "scan."

Some contemporaries of his University days have described him as a sublimely conceited young man. There is little trace of this in his work. Two characteristics will probably strike the reader: the first is an unaffected sincerity, and the second, such discreet sympathy as is rare in youth. I would beg him leave to distrust his epilogue. Does he seriously include himself in that "we" of these modern young people, who accept life as in John Gay's epitaph:

"Life is just, and all things show it;
I thought so once, but now I know it."

If he is conceited give us more of his kind. If he be self-conscious it must be in his leisure hours, for his work is all humour and fun, and the smiles of Dame Fortune. He leaves us with a gesture covering the universe, and asking "What does it all mean?" and so soothing is his companionship, that I feel inclined to reply: "It means nought, but us could do with a change o' weather."



An elaborate cloak design in a Hongkong show-room. Note the well fitting coat which outlines the figure.

perhaps to tell us a little more of himself, instead of allowing his readers mere smatterings of his personality, and an occasional glimpse of his kindly sense of humour which peeps from behind the draperies of such famous people as Horatio Bottomley, Elinor Glyn, Pach-

MONOGAMY FOR TURKS.

EFFECT OF NEW CODE.

CONSTANTINOPLE. Marriage formalities in Turkey have just been considerably modified. Hitherto marriages in the case of Moslems were celebrated in the presence of an Imam, or official representative of the Moslem Establishment, and the bride and bridegroom each had to provide two witnesses. As the bride had to be veiled and was not supposed to appear in public, she was sometimes represented at her wedding by a proxy. When the marriage took place in the bride's house the latter stayed behind a door and the Imam called out in a loud voice, "Do you agree to take—as your husband?"

This question was repeated three times and then the marriage was considered to be binding. Afterwards the bridegroom was obliged to pay a sum of money, which varied according to his social status, to the family of his bride. This gift was called *Drahma*. Until the new law came into force a girl of nine could marry, with her parents' consent, but now the minimum age is 17 for a girl and 18 for a man.

According to the Mejlis, or new Civil Code, the Imam is no longer to officiate at marriages, and an official "Marriage Clerk" has taken his place. There will (Continued on next Column).

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be sold at their original dollar price. All shades of pink, and one shade of "light navy," are rapidly returning to favour for afternoon, and evening frocks. Black lace over shell pink, suits the fair, or grey-haired woman well enough, provided it is brightened by a huge flower. Brunettes seem to require a more definite colour scheme, which, in no sense, precludes the severest black or white. In the cupboard next to the coat with cape sleeves was a white evening dress of perfect lines, intricately cut to ensure slenderness, as well as decoration. The only elaboration of its soft simplicity being a long fringe, forming a waving panel on each side. The happy owner of such a gown could have it copied in black, loonily, with great advantage.

Patent leather is an excellent trimming for morning or afternoon frocks, and much in favour just now. To keep the leather supple, it is wise to wipe it with a hot cloth, and massage it with a hint of vaseline. It seems to have taken the place of braid, and is stitched on to the cloth, or used in wide panels in any colour.

IN THE GARDEN.

Those Peak Gardens which escaped the full force of September storms will find their dwarf peas rapidly catching up with those on the lower levels of Caine Road, Repulse Bay, and Kowloon. The continuous rain caused the lower leaves to discolour, and were a serious setback to strong growth, but by careful sticking the life of the plant can be doubled. Many people grow the small variety of pea here in order to do away with this same use of sticks, but the two cases are very different, since the dwarf variety only needs two foot sticks, and no tying. There is no extra expense as summer growth is being clipped from walls and banks, and this type of branched support is ideal. The plant grows a little higher when it has something on which to pull, and the peas hang high and dry, instead of in a muddy condition after each lavish watering. The sticks need slight adjustment from time to time, but the increased strength of the haul holds both in place, except in a severe storm.

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"KASHGAR"	9,005	19th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
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